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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Do the Government mean to say that the District Board school headmasters are eligible for this pay ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I should think so; Sir. But I would like to have notice.

*Tamil Teachers' Association.*

* 152 *Q.*—*Dr.* A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Madras State Tamil Teachers' Association to place all the First Grade Tamil Pandits in the scale of L.T. Assistants; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : May I know, Sir, whether representations have been received from teachers that their services as first grade pandits, though in the lower scales of pay in the same category, have not been taken into consideration in fitting into the L.T. scales of pay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Under the order now in force, Tamil pandits employed in the secondary schools for handling forms IV to VI should possess the following three qualifications, namely, General educational qualification S.S.L.C. completed; qualification in Tamil, A degree or a oriental title training qualification; pandits' training or L.T. training. These are the qualifications that are insisted upon according to the Government orders. Therefore, I have stated that the question of treating the pandits referred to in the main question as equivalent to L.Ts' is under consideration.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : There are two grades of scales of pay for the First Grade Tamil Pandits, for instance, one scale starting at Rs. 60 or Rs. 65 and another starting at Rs. 75 or Rs. 85. Both the scales of pay are attached to what is known as first grade. Will the Government be pleased to consider whether they should not be ranked on a par with the L.T. Assistants according to the Government orders and, if there is any difficulty in the interpretation of the order, will the Government be pleased to rectify it by issuing a clarification to the Government order concerned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government order is quite clear. It insists on certain minimum qualifications for these pandits and teachers. Unless the Government take up the question of revising the orders, the teachers should possess the qualifications insisted upon in the order.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Sir, in 90 per cent of the cases the Government order has been interpreted rightly as far as I can understand, but in respect of about 10 per cent of the cases, there has been a wrng interpretation of the order. I understand representations have been made to the Government in this regard. Will the Government be pleased to expedite the issue of orders in clarification of the said Government order?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot say it was a wrong interpretation of the Government order. I have already stated that the whole question is under examination.

*Co-operative House Construction Societies.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Dr. A Sreenivasan is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

* 153 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted to and the amount disbursed through Co-operative House Construction Societies in the year 1958–59 and 1959–60; and

(*b*) the reasons for the non-disbursement of balance, if any?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Loans are sanctioned by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to individual House Construction Co-operative Societies with reference to their applications. But actual disbursements depend on availability of funds in the Budget, and the stage of construction.

The amounts sanctioned and disbursed to the House Construction Societies in the years 1958–59 and 1959–60 are given below :—

| Year. | Amount sanctioned. | Amount actually disbursed. |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| | RS. | RS. |
| (i) 1958–59 .. .. | 10,06,900 | 5,21,300 |
| (ii) 1959–60 .. .. | 44,08,520 | 20,53,800 |

(*b*) The reasons for non-disbursement of the balance are, that some societies were sanctioned loans at the fag end of the year, some did not apply for the drawal of loans in that year, and, in the case of others, there were no funds available in the Budget, or final instalment of loan could not be disbursed as the deviations made in the plan were pending approval.

*Bus drivers*

* 154 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any scarcity of bus drivers in the State Transport Department, Madras ?